

Sidney Bell Willis

July 20, 2012

WHEREAS, Sidney Bell Willis was a life-long resident of Longview; and

WHEREAS, she played many roles such as wife, mother, educator, community leader, and mentor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Willis served the city as District 3 Councilwoman from 2002 to 2012; and

WHEREAS, she was a strong advocate for her district as well as every citizen in Longview; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Willis was known for her warm smile, sharp wit, quippy comments, and precise enunciation; and

WHEREAS, she was an excellent example to many current and future leaders; and

WHEREAS, she improved the Longview community through her life of continuous service and for that, she is beloved and cherished by her fellow Longview residents;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay Dean, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Longview, Texas, do hereby proclaim July 20, 2012, as Sidney Bell Willis Day in Longview.

> In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 20th day of July, 2012.